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Dear GFWC Georgia friends,

As we step into the New Year, let's reflect on our shared journey in 2023. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you, our dedicated members. Your hard work has been the cornerstone of our success. Congratulations on an incredible year of good work, significant accomplishments, and collaboration. Your dedication to "Living the Volunteer Spirit" has made a positive difference, and I appreciate your tireless efforts. While you are in the throes of reporting, I want to emphasize how important it is that you, at the very least, complete the statistical information required. We KNOW we have made a difference, but SEEING it on paper and being able to support our beliefs with tangible facts is invaluable. Also, I encourage each Club President to complete your President's report for our records. All information we collect becomes our 'annual report' and our history. Reporting provides a vehicle for you to show and share your club's accomplishments with cold, hard facts! Thank you ahead of time for your efforts.

One of the most essential items we emphasized this past year was membership. I am happy to let you know that your efforts and hard work in this area have resulted in an increase of over 100 members for GFWC Georgia! Thank you to everyone who put such care, creativity, and time into achieving this remarkable success. Our growth reflects the collective effort, organizational appeal, and community needs. Let's celebrate this milestone and continue working together to build an even stronger and more vibrant membership in the coming year. Well done to everyone involved!

As we move into 2024, let's reflect on our positive impact and set our intentions for the months ahead. You are inspiring. As volunteers, let's collectively resolve to amplify our efforts, embrace new challenges, and foster even greater dreams and assistance for those we serve. Together, we can make 2024 a year of continued growth and meaningful contributions. You have genuinely used your *passions* for our *purpose* in 2023. I wish you all continued joy and achievement in the coming year!

In Federation,
Kim Sekulow

2022-2024 GFWC Georgia President
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"If you can't figure out your purpose, figure out your passion. For your passion will lead you right into your purpose." T.D. Jakes



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2022 - 2024

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The General Federation of Women's Clubs is a unifying force, bringing together local women's clubs, with members dedicated to strengthening their communities and enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. With more than 60,000 members in affiliated clubs in every state and more than 20 countries, GFWC members are community leaders who work locally to create global change by advocating for women, children, and families on issues such as domestic violence and sexual assault, food insecurity/hunger, and promoting healthy lifestyles. GFWC also supports the arts, works to preserve natural resources, advances education, encourages civic involvement, and works toward world peace and understanding. For more information, please visit www.GFWC.org or call 1-800-443-GFWC (4392).

First Vice President/President-Elect

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Cathy's Crew is almost finished with its quest for hidden treasures from the past, present, and future in our clubs, districts, and state. The Crew and I have certainly enjoyed all our adventures and look forward to one last hurray at the Spring District meetings. Then, we'll end our search for hidden treasures in Atlanta at the 2024 convention.



My personal journey for treasures has been so exciting. I've found many wonderful women whose talents aren't going to remain hidden much longer. Thank you to everyone who said, "I can! I will!" or "I'll try!"

I have enjoyed serving as 1st Vice-president and look forward to the next phase of my GFWC journey. For now, please mark the following dates on your calendars:

- **April 6, 2024: New Leadership Training (invitation only), Vienna Methodist Church, Vienna, GA.**
- **April 26 – 28, 2024: GFWC Georgia Convention, Marriott Century Center, Atlanta, GA.**
- **August 15, 2024: GFWC Georgia LEADS, Hilton Garden Inn, Albany, GA.**
- **August 16 -18, 2024: GFWC Georgia Institute, Hilton Garden Inn, Albany, GA.**

Note: *The NE District will host the 2025 GFWC Georgia Convention, but I won't spoil their "call."*

Until we meet face-to-face, I leave you with these words from Billy Graham:

"God has given us two hands, one to receive with and the other to give with."

I'm so grateful that so many of you are willing to do that!

Cathy's Crew



SPRING DISTRICT MEETINGS

Central East District -PRESIDENT Mary Beth Jacobson

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Central East District Spring Meeting

Date- Saturday, March 9, 2024

Location- Crawford Baptist Church located at 124 Church Street in Crawford, GA.

Cost- \$30 a person

What does that include- Registration, coffee/juice/Danish/fruit in the morning and lunch.

Where to mail registration form and check- Make checks payable to "GFWC Four Corners Woman's Club" and mail to:

Julie Walters
322 Blenny Run
Jackson, Georgia 30233



Deadline for Registration- February 24, 2024

Host Clubs- GFWC Maxeys Woman's Club and GFWC Four Corners Woman's Club

North West District – PRESIDENT Julie Bates

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North West District Spring Meeting

Date- Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Location — To be Determined

Host Clubs– GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club and GFWC Buchanan Woman's Club

South West District – PRESIDENT Lisa Ramsey

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South West District Spring Meeting

Date- Saturday, March 9, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Location — Valdosta, GA

Host Clubs– GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club and GFWC Valdosta Junior Woman's Club

Reporting

By Deborah Landress

HOW TO GET STARTED WITH GFWC GEORGIA REPORTING

- Submit a report online via gfwcga.org by the deadline of January 25th at 11:59 p.m. each year.
- The Reporting Section is under Club Resources > Reporting & Forms. Password: smile
- Access the CSP/Advance Area/Special Project online Questionnaires (Reports).
- Complete All Sections of the respective Report.
- Submit.
- Reporters will receive an email copy of responses.
- If errors are discovered after submission, file an edited version.
- Input all personal information such as personal email, name, and club office held.
- Pull down menu for club and district.
- Insert information of reporter.
- Pull down the menu for the type of club, input the number of members for which your club paid dues.

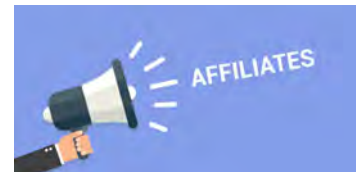


COMPUTE STATISTICAL INFORMATION BEFORE YOU BEGIN WRITING REPORT

- Use the Worksheet to gather the information for accuracy.
- Total number of volunteer hours your members worked on all projects in this area.
- Total amount in dollars donated by the club for all projects in this area.
- Total value of in-kind donations for all projects in this area.

CHECK OUR YEARBOOK FOR AFFILIATES

- Complete Number of projects completed for the Affiliate.
- Number of Volunteer hours for the Affiliate.
- Total amount in dollars donated by the club to the Affiliate.
- Total value of in-kind donations for Affiliate.



TOP TEN PROJECT NARRATIVES*

*If you answer YES for narrative, you will answer these questions for each of the Top Ten projects:



- Number of members working on the project.
- Number of volunteer hours on the project.
- Dollars donated for the project.
- In-kind donations for the project.
- Description of the project.

CREATIVE/MOST OUTSTANDING PROJECT

If you answer YES for Creative/Most Outstanding Project, you will answer these questions:

- Project Title.
- Number of members working on the project.

- Number of volunteer hours on the project.
 - Dollars donated for the project.
 - In-kind donations for the project
 - Description of project (Extended narrative explanation)
- NOTE:** The Creative/Most Outstanding Project should be #1 of the Top Ten.



SUGGESTION FOR WRITING REPORTS:

- Start collecting information early. Be the early bird.
- Collect all data about the project before writing up the project.
- Write up your project in a Word or Mac document.
- Ensure you have not exceeded the 1,000-character minimum for each project.
- When it comes time to fill in information for online reporting, copy and paste your narrative.
- This will help relieve some of the stress of reporting.
- More information on reporting can be found on the [GFWC Georgia Website](#) — This is an excellent source of information!
- Make sure you include the group or groups with which you collaborated.



From Lisa Ramsey, South West District President:

Be sure to collect all pertinent information at the meeting immediately following the project (donations, how many members participated, amount of funds raised, in-kind donations, etc.). Therefore, it will be recorded in the minutes. You should have access to a digital copy of the minutes, and then you can copy and paste what you need. This is much easier than trying to recall the details months later.



*****VERY IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR 2022 -2024 REPORTING! *****

(1,000 characters — Remember each letter, space, and punctuation mark counts as a character.)

*****The Membership Report includes the Georgia Day of Service and GFWC National Day of Service!**

Remember: January 25th at 11:59 P.M. is the deadline for reporting.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the respective Committee Chairman, Deborah Landress, Laedenia Jewell, or Peggy Wilson.



Third Vice President - Julie Walters

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Increase in Membership

Congratulations to everyone for adding birds to your birdhouses! From the clubs who worked hard and retained members to the clubs who brought in new members- **thank you!** I am happy to share that for the club year 2023, we increased our overall membership by **101 members**. The days of a decrease in membership are behind us----we are increasing our membership and growing.

We now have **1509 members**.

The breakdown is 1371 Woman’s, 112 Juniors and 26 Juniorette members.

We have 63 clubs: 52 Woman’s, 9 Juniors and 2 Juniores.

Special shout-outs to the North West District for increasing membership by 71 new members, the South West District by 23 new members, and the South East District for forming a new club.

Our Newest Club



Pictured are the officers: Emmalyn Smith (treasurer), Caroline Kullberg (1st VP) and Jenna Behrmann (president)

Please join me in welcoming the newest club to our Federation- **GFWC Sylvania G.E.M.S.** They are a Juniorette club, and the G.E.M.S. stands for – Gifts, Empowered, Motivated, Students. They have been sponsored by the GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman’s Club.

They have been performing great work this year in their community! The Executive Board approved them. We have submitted their required documentation and 2023

dues to GFWC and will present them with a certificate at our GFWC Georgia convention in April. GFWC will introduce them at the GFWC convention in June.

The club president is Jenna Behrmann- if you want to send her a Welcome email, her email address is jennabsme-mail@gmail.com.

Reporting

We have updated the Membership Reporting form to include the GFWC National Day of Service for Food Insecurity and the GFWC Georgia Day of Service Dinner Party and updated the Year dates for dues paid.

The link to the Membership Reporting form can be located on the GFWC Georgia website > Club Resources> Reporting & Forms> then scroll down to the Advancement Areas and select Membership.

We need every club to submit a Membership Report- even if all you submit is your Statistical Information. While we want you to report the projects you did and programs you hosted (and that narrative is how awards are selected), we need your statistical information.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me at 706.255.8088 or membership@gfwcgeorgia.org

Friendly reminder—reports must be submitted no later than 11:59 PM on January 25, 2024.

Welcome to the Community Postcards

Reaching out to new ladies in your community by way of a REALTOR with our Welcome to the Community postcards has been a success. We have had potential members reach out to us, and you have invited them to attend a meeting, and they are joining!

We printed 10,000 and only have a few hundred left---but if you need some- please let me know, and I will get them mailed to you.

The Membership Funnel: The Full Picture of Getting New Members

Before you start recruiting, ask yourself: What does the recruitment journey for new members look like now, and what should it look like going forward?

Providing a smooth and personalized member experience is one of the most important tools at your disposal—even at the recruitment stage. Ensure prospective new members are incentivized to make it through the sign-up process.

That’s where the membership funnel comes in.



Membership

Here's a breakdown of how the membership funnel creates new members for your club:



Step 1: Capture. Prospective members are “captured” when looped into your club’s workings, whether by email newsletter, attending an event, or word of mouth.

Step 2: Nurture. Send follow-up emails, mailers, or phone calls nudging prospective new members to sign up. Make prospective members feel appreciated and valued with personalized attention, especially if they’ve shown you interest!

Step 3: Conversion. Offer incentives to signing up, like membership benefits. You might also emphasize key aspects of the membership experience, like community impact.

Now that you know the main steps involved in recruitment, here are some ideas for attracting new members to your club.

Involve Current Members

- Host a “bring a friend” meeting. Encourage members to bring someone to see how your club is run.
- Offer an alternate meeting time to attract people with different schedules. Is your meeting time leaving out a whole group of people, like those with 9-5 jobs or early bedtimes? Switch up your offerings to attract more women—existing and new members!
- Run member features in your newsletter. If your members are featured in the newsletter, they might feel more compelled to send it to friends and colleagues to show off their involvement.
- Encourage members to share your newsletter, especially if they’re featured in it!
- Thank your members regularly. There are a few different ways you can do that. Here are just a few:
- Create a video thank-you message from the club president, and publish it on your website, social media profiles, and email newsletter.
- Each year, list all the events, services, and educational opportunities made possible by your membership fees. Publish the list on a separate page on your site, and link to it on a regular basis in your online content and email campaigns.
- Host a yearly event to say “thank you” to your members. Consider a member brunch, picnic, pool party, or other fun gathering.
- Write handwritten thank-you notes to your members. A personalized note is even more meaningful and memorable in our digital age.

- Create perks for club members who recruit new members. Little perks and freebies can really motivate people. Think about gift certificates and shout-outs at your next meeting or newsletter.
- Help members develop an “elevator pitch” about their membership. Why are they members? What’s the most significant benefit of membership? Can they explain the purpose of your club? Why does being a member of the Federation matter?
- Host an event or distribute resources for how members can talk to others about your club. Remind current members to greet newcomers and avoid club jargon—making your club approachable is vital.
- Create an invitation email template your members can use. This is another excellent idea for distributing a grassroots membership recruitment tool to your members!
- You could also create paper-based pamphlets or member application forms. Another idea is a simple boilerplate text script that current members can copy and paste into emails or social media messages they send to colleagues.
- Or you could include the new member onboarding or welcome package that new members receive!
- Offer club business cards to your members. It’s easy for them to point people to your club and share more easily with their network.
- Get existing members together to volunteer as a group. You’ll do well in your community, strengthen bonds between existing members, and meet other volunteers in your club.
- Ask members to list their membership in their professional bios. It gets your club’s name in front of more people, builds your organization’s prestige, and reminds members to talk about it.
- Film member stories and testimonials. Publish them on your website and social media so you can give prospective members a visual reminder of just how engaged your current members are.
- Personally follow up with every prospect. When someone signs up for an event, email them directly and ask if they’d like to sign up for club membership. You know they’re already interested in what you do—reach out!
- Launch a direct mail campaign. You might see success if you can acquire a mailing list or mail to lapsed members.
- Launch a telephone outreach campaign.
- Reach out to former members. People leave clubs for all kinds of reasons, from life events to time constraints.

Membership

Some might be ready to come back. Remind them of your mission and how valuable their membership is!

- Conduct exit interviews with departing members. When you know why people are leaving, you can start figuring out ways to keep them.

Recruit Members Through Your Website

- Make sure your club website is welcoming, easy to browse, and representative. Your website should reflect your club's mission and have a clear site map.
- Add a "Join Us" section to your website. This is an easy way to draw immediate attention to anyone looking to join your membership. You can also include testimonials from current members and the perks of joining your club.
- Set up Google Analytics or link tracking using Goo.gl or Bit.ly. This will help you find out the most effective methods for getting new website traffic so you can double down on them.
- Make online registration as easy as possible. If you include online member application forms, anyone coming across your website will be much more likely to register than if they have to mail in a paper form.
- Refine your member benefits. Make them as clear and enticing as possible in your website copy so that prospective members can't help but be impressed.
- Create member-only sections on your website. Including a section on your website that normal visitors can't see can help generate interest — they'll come across it and wonder what more they're missing out on.

Event Recruitment Ideas

- Offer one event a year at your 'members-only' rate. If you usually have one rate for members and another for non-members, pick one signature event and offer it to anyone at the member's price. This is a great demonstration of the value they will get if they join — which you should be sure to mention during said event!
- Invite guests to meetings. Let prospective members see what they're getting into by inviting them to your meetings.
- Create a welcome packet for guests. Include things like the mission, calendar, contact information, and information about becoming a member.
- Follow up with guests. Send an email or postcard or make a phone call thanking the guest for attending and asking if they're considering membership. Sending out a post-event survey can also help you see what went well and what you can improve for next time.
- Sponsor a local event. Include your club's name and logo

on promotional materials, and make sure event organizers have your club information for anyone who asks.

- Give a talk about your club at other organizations. Share your mission and activities with others in your arena.
- Host activities for members and non-members alike. A group activity is an excellent way to meet new people. Something like a beach clean-up or other community service projects can attract a wide range of prospective members.
- Walk or build a float for town parades. You'll put your club in front of the whole town — and look good doing it!
- Host seasonal meet-and-greets with a fun activity. Think about a fall hayride, a winter hot cocoa party, a spring nature walk, or a summer ice cream social to attract new members.
- Have a booth at a fair or festival. Give volunteers talking points to introduce your club to the community.
- Have a meeting in a public location like a park or square. It draws attention and is a low-commitment way for curious potential members to check you out.
- Host a guest speaker. Guest speakers attract non-members who share your interests. Not only are speakers powerful motivators for attendance at meetings and events, but they can also encourage ideas and discussions that might convince a new member to stick around and hear more from existing members.
- Host a charitable event like a run or walk. You'll raise money for a good cause and introduce your club to new people who also support the cause.
- Host a business spotlight event for local businesses. Local business owners will learn about each other, and about you!
- Hold diverse events to appeal to a variety of age groups. If all your events appeal to one group of people, mix things up by hosting an event to appeal to a different one. Try a teen-targeted event or one aimed toward seniors!
- Host a complimentary luncheon. Never underestimate the power of free food to bring people to an event!
- Consider attendance options. Are your attendance requirements onerous? Experiment to see if a more flexible policy is more attractive. Hybrid and virtual attendance options are rising, and you see why—flexibility can be part of a great member experience!
- Host low-commitment meet-and-greets at a local coffee shop. Invite prospective members to coffee with you to learn about your club and meet some existing members.



GFWC National Day of Service

The inaugural General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) National Day of Service (NDS) proved impactful in raising food resources for communities across the country. This year's campaign spotlighted the food insecurity and hunger crisis. The results received from the "NDS Impact Report" sent to participating clubs indicate GFWC clubwomen collected **290,982 pounds of nonperishable food**, recorded **more than 40,000 volunteer hours**, collected **\$276,832 in monetary donations**, and contributed to the preparation of **more than 241,672 meals**.

The GFWC NOS is an annual public awareness campaign for members to create Community Service Projects in their communities to help others. **The 2024 GFWC NDS is scheduled for Saturday, September 28**, and will spotlight **food insecurity**. For more information, contact Melanie Gisler, Membership Director, at MGisler@GFWC.org.

REMINDER

GFWC 2022-2024 Membership "Sparkle and Shine" Recruitment Campaign



Mentoring: **"Emerald—Harmonious Connections"**

Report Due for December, January, and February Recruitments

Deadline: March 1, 2024

Complete the fillable [Campaign Report Form](#) and send to:

- 1) GFWC via mail (address is on form) or email —GFWC@GFWC.org.
- 2) Send a copy of the report to membership@gfwcgeorgia.org for Julie Walters, GFWC Georgia Third Vice President.

Clubs recruiting 3 or more new members will be listed in the *GFWC Clubwoman* magazine.

These clubs have GFWC anniversaries in 2024!

50 Years	GFWC Hartwell Service League	NE District	Federated in 1974
60 Years	GFWC Civic Woman's Club of Milledgeville	SE District	Federated in 1964
70 Years	GFWC Valdosta Junior Woman's Club	SW District	Federated in 1954
70 Years	GFWC Athens-Oconee Junior Woman's Club	CE District	Federated in 1954
75 Years	GFWC Sandy Springs Woman's Club	NW District	Federated in 1949
85 Years	GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club	SW District	Federated in 1939
90 Years	GFWC Toccoa Federated Woman's Club	NE District	Federated in 1934
95 Years	GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club	CE District	Federated in 1929
105 Years	GFWC Manchester Woman's Club	CW District	Federated in 1919
110 Years	GFWC Reynolds Woman's Club	CW District	Federated in 1908
125 Years	GFWC Athens Woman's Club	CE District	Federated in 1899

Milestone Anniversaries



Recording Secretary - Dale Reddick

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January brings us nominating committees and elections on many levels. A recording secretary is the taker and keeper of the minutes (history) of your Club, District, Junior Conference, or State. Choose wisely and carefully who you ask to handle this job, no matter what level the job is on.



Basic skills needed for a good recording secretary on any of our levels:

- Excellent organizational skills.
- Proficient in MS Office applications.
- Strong written & verbal communication.
- Ability to take accurate minutes of meetings.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality.

For those with these skills, please consider offering your services to your Club, District, Junior Conference, or State. Minutes do matter.



Treasurer - Cimi Douglass

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2024

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thank You

for supporting GFWC Georgia!



On behalf of GFWC Georgia. I would like to express my gratitude to our clubs for the timely submission of your dues and membership rosters. GFWC Georgia strives to provide our members with the tools and resources they need to grow, thrive and succeed. Your dues and donations assist us in achieving our mission and collective goal of making a positive impact in our clubs and communities.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our mission.

Cimi Douglass, GFWC Georgia Treasurer



The image shows a promotional card for Krispy Kreme Doughnuts. At the top, there are three pink-glazed doughnuts with colorful sprinkles and a red heart. Below them is the Krispy Kreme logo in a green banner. The text on the card reads: "BOGO CARDS BUY ONE GET ONE Valid for 10 free dozens \$25 That's a savings of \$140". Below this, it states: "With your Krispy Kreme Card you will receive 1 FREE dozen of original glazed donuts with the purchase of any dozen. All proceeds benefit the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC Georgia), a 501c3 nonprofit to be used for Educational Programming." At the bottom, there are five colorful hearts (pink, teal, yellow, light pink, orange) and some sprinkles.

Krispy Kreme
DOUGHNUTS

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BUY ONE GET ONE

Valid for 10 free dozens

\$25

That's a savings of \$140

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All proceeds benefit the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC Georgia), a 501c3 nonprofit to be used for Educational Programming.

GFWC Georgia Fundraiser

A Great Gift for a Valentine's Party or a Board Meeting!

Sprinkle a little love with our Krispy Kreme BOGO Cards.

We can mail them to you or your loved ones.

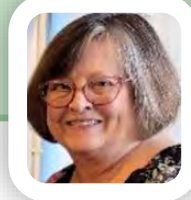
Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for educational programming for GFWC Georgia.

BOGO Cards can be purchased [here.](#)



Arts and Culture - Joyce Broughton

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January 5 was National Bird Day. Birds are amazing, but our most common backyard and songbirds are becoming less common, with a loss of nearly 3 billion birds, gone since 1970. More than ever, public awareness and education about this critical issue are needed. Why not sponsor an art competition at an event or on social media that honors “The Art of Conservation” and educates about the value of songbirds and the threat they face? Find ways to help at www.birds.cornell.edu/home/bring-birds-back/. Ask participants to submit an original piece of artwork, drawing, painting, or photograph of their favorite wild bird. Or you might have a “build a birdhouse” or “build a bird feeder” contest or demonstration.

It's That Time!

It is time to enter the arts and culture competitions! The rules are in the GFWC Georgia Yearbook under Arts and Culture CSP. The deadlines for entry are:

Youth Writing Contest. Follow the contest rules in the GFWC Georgia yearbook and submit entries by email to artsculture@gfwcgeorgia.org or by mail to Joyce Broughton, GFWC Georgia Arts Chairwoman, 732 Registry Run, NW, Kennesaw, GA 30152, by **January 25**.

Member Photography Contest. Follow the contest rules and deliver or send entries directly to the State Arts and Culture Chairman for State judging, postmarked by **January 25**.

Member Arts and Crafts Competition. Please encourage your members to enter. We have so many creative women, including juniorettes, and so many categories for entries, including stitchery, crochet, knitting, sewing, quilting, jewelry making, painting with any medium, mixed media art, sketch art, nature crafts, pottery and more- if you made it, and it brings you joy, your craft could be a winner in this competition!”

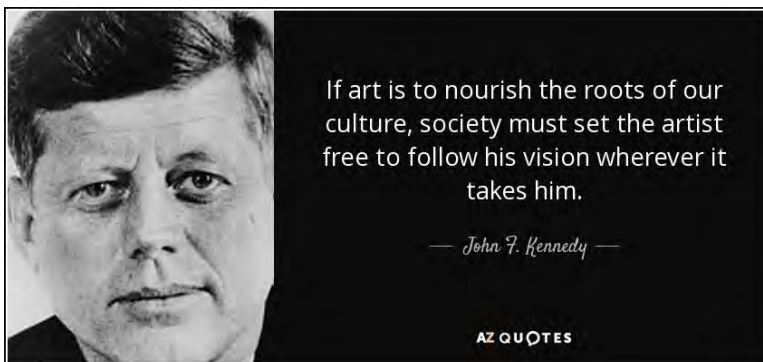
Each club member may submit only one (1) craft entry per category but may enter multiple categories. Crafts must have been completed between January 1 and December 31, 2023. Complete two (2) entry forms. Attach one to the craft that will be taken to the District meeting. Send one (1) form by mail or e-mail to your District Arts Chairperson by **January 25**.

Student Art Competition. Encourage your community high school seniors to participate in this competition. The contest is open to high school seniors. Four winning State entries will receive awards that can be up to \$500 each. When collecting art from your high school teachers, you will want to verify that contest rules are being followed.



The District application deadline is **January 25**. Entry forms are mailed or emailed to your District Arts and Culture Chairwoman, who should inform their district clubs of the procedures for your district contest. The four (4) top winners from each district will compete in the State competition. We guarantee that Clubs who participate will be rewarded by seeing the amazing creations of your talented young people.

Click [here](#) for complete Contest Rules and Entry Forms.



AZ QUOTES

GFWC GEORGIA STUDENT ART COMPETITION
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM 2022 – 2024



Name of Student _____

Title of Work _____

Description of medium _____

Outer size of artwork, including any matting _____

Description of subject _____

Student address: _____

Phone numbers (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

High school name _____

Name of teacher _____

Teacher phone #'s (School) _____ (Cell) _____

Teacher e-mail _____

Sponsoring club _____

Club contact name _____

Club contact e-mail _____

Club contact phone # (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

District & Contact: _____

District contact phone # (Hm) _____ (Cell) _____

District contact e-mail _____

It is understood that my signature to this Official Entry Form constitutes my intention to enter the Student Art Competition and the acceptance on my part of all the rules and qualifications as printed in the GFWC Georgia Yearbook.

Student Signature _____

- * Student must attach 1 copy of this form to the back of the art entry.
- * Student or teacher must submit 1 copy of this form to their local GFWC Woman's Club.
- * The local Woman's Club Art and Culture Chairperson must submit the form, by mail or e-mail, postmarked by January 25th to their District Art and Culture Chairperson.
- * District Art and Culture Chairperson is responsible for sending the entry forms for all winning entries, by mail or e-mail, to the GFWC Georgia Arts and Culture chairwoman by April 1.

January 2023

GFWC GEORGIA MEMBER CRAFT COMPETITION
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
2022 – 2024

- Club Arts CSP Chairwoman: Mail or E-mail this form to District Arts Chairwoman by January 25.
- District Arts CSP Chairwoman: Mail or E-mail this form to State Arts CSP By April 1.

Club Member Name: _____

Art/Craft Category: _____

Description: medium,
technique, subject, etc. _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ E-mail _____

Club name and district _____

Club Arts CSP Chair name _____

Club CSP Chair Phone # _____ E-mail _____

GFWC GEORGIA MEMBER CRAFT COMPETITION
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM
2022 – 2024

- Attach this 2nd copy of the Entry Form to the craft item before signing it into the Art Show.

Club Member Name: _____

Art/Craft Category: _____

Description: medium,
technique, subject, etc. _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ E-mail _____

Club name and district _____

Club Arts CSP Chair name _____

Club CSP Chair Phone # _____ E-mail _____

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of WOMEN'S CLUBS**

www.GFWC.org



CREATIVE ARTS WAIVER

With my signature I declare that:

- I have created the submitted work, entitled _____, and I own the full copyright. The work has not been published before.
- With my work, including pictures, tables, or additional media, I do not violate or infringe the copyright of other persons or entities.

The work in question is (please check one): Photography Poetry Short Story

- I grant the General Federation of Women's Clubs a royalty-free perpetual license to use, reproduce, post, display, create derivative works, sell, license, or sub-license the work in any media now known or later invented without limitation, for commercial or non-commercial purposes.
- I agree that I shall not release the work to any other publication in the same or substantially similar form, without prior written and explicit consent from the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

This agreement shall become effective and binding at the date of formal acceptance of the work for publication by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Full Name (Print)		
Mailing Address		
City	State	Zip
Email		
Phone		

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature (if submitter is under 18 years of age)

Date



Environment - Judine Heard

E: environment@gtwgeorgia.org



Over the last 20 months, GFWC Environment CSP Chairman Tina Neese has written a monthly newsletter. Each newsletter is always filled with valuable and interesting information. This month, we'd like to paraphrase an article she wrote as an idea for a club project.

Tina received two beautiful gifts from her husband for her birthday in December and a Christmas gift. He gave her two Chihuahua puppies – Noelle (a birthday present for her Christmas Eve birthday) and Oliver (her handsome Christmas present).

While researching how to care for and become a good mom to Noelle and Oliver, Tina thought of a great club project: host puppy or pet classes, which could benefit the community. This is especially true of those new owners or those who struggle financially.

Here are her club project suggestions:

As you think about how to help pet owners, think of ways you can promote responsible pet ownership.

Here are a few tips you might consider promoting responsible pet ownership.

- **Movement and play are necessary for puppies.** Start this good habit early. Clubs could sponsor dog walks or give away leashes.
- **Socialization is important.** If your community does not have a dog park, work with your local government to establish a safe pet area.
- **Training early is important.** Provide training classes for free to your community.”

Juniorettes - Judine Heard

E: juniorettes@gtwgeorgia.org



Congratulations to our most recent chartered Juniette club: Sylvania G.E.M.S. (Gifted, Empowered, Motivated, Students), sponsored by GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club.

We now have two Juniette clubs in the state of Georgia: **Sylvania G.E.M.S.** and **LaFayette Juniette Club**. What is interesting is the location of each club – one is far north in the state and the other far south – 292 miles separate the two clubs. Wouldn't it be good to fill the void between the two clubs?

I would like to encourage each district to sponsor at least one club prior to the State Convention.

Don't know where to start? Who better to ask than the ladies who are doing it now? The following ladies have offered to speak with you about sponsoring and acting as an advisor to a Juniette club.

GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club

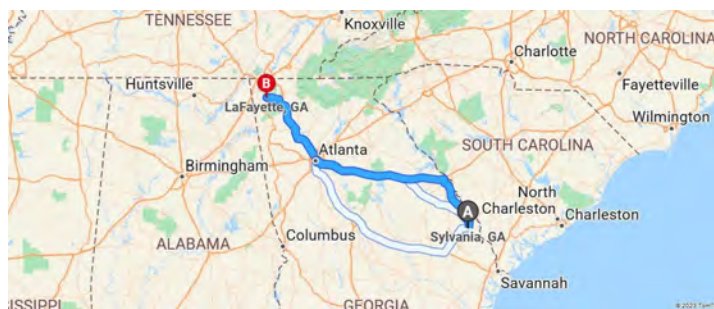
Rachel Willeford - racheloeschwilleford@gmail.com

Renee Griffin - missreneescookingschool@gmail.com

GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club

Sandy Powell - sandra.powell1@merck.com

Betsy Wheeler - betsywheeler83@gmail.com



Visit each club's website and Facebook page to see our Juniettes volunteering in action.

GFWC Signature Program: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention

Deborah Brown

E: domestieviolece@gfwcgeorgia.org



The 23rd Annual Domestic and Sexual Violence Advocacy Event Stand With Survivors Day

This event includes the following:

- **Advocacy 101 (Webinar) — February 6, 2024**
During this 2-hour webinar, you will learn more about our advocacy priorities, receive tips on how to talk to legislators, and be able to ask questions.
- **Kick-Off (In-Person) — February 7, 2024**
During this event, you will learn how our key legislative priorities impact survivors and their families.



Please plan to attend both events, and on February 7th, please wear purple and your name tag. Visit the Georgia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (GCADV) [Stand With Survivors Day](#) page to register for the event.

Further details will be announced closer to the event date.



- **January 11 – National Human Trafficking Day.** Wear Teal on that day with your name tag upside down. When someone tells you your tag is upside down, you can explain why you are wearing teal.
- **January is National Self-Defense Month.** During this month, schedule a self-defense class for your club or educate your members about self-defense options that could save their lives. To protect yourself, be aware of your surroundings, make eye contact, and put down your phone.
- **January is National Stalking Awareness Month.** Stalkers employ multiple tactics to instill fear, intimidate, surveil, and exert control over the people they target. **Studies show** that 1 in 6 women and 1 in 17 men have been subjected to stalking in their lifetime, the majority of whom were threatened by someone they know—often a current or former intimate partner. Survivors often suffer physical, psychological, and social harm, such as higher-than-average rates of depression, anxiety, and insomnia.
- **February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month.**
 - * When we teach teens about healthy, nonviolent relationships, we support their development and create safer, healthier communities for everyone.
 - * By recognizing the signs of dating and domestic violence and making clear that abuses of power are never acceptable, we can build a culture where respect is the norm, dignity is the rule, and safety is the expectation—both online and offline.
 - * In Georgia, individuals in dating relationships are excluded from accessing temporary protective orders under the Family Violence Act unless the individuals share a child, currently live in the same household, or have formerly lived in the same household. If stalking is involved, teens may be able to seek relief under Georgia's stalking statute. Teen victims would need to be able to show evidence of a pattern of stalking or harassment.



President's Special Project

Tina Neese

E: tinadaniel1224@gmail.com



Thank you to all who have supported Kim's State Project, Wellspring Living during the last two years. We are well on our way of meeting our goal of \$50,000 with our donations and in-kind donations.

Upcoming Events



Clubs

January 1-31, 2024

Need something to counter the winter blues? How about gathering your members for an after Christmas Shopping Spree for Wellspring Living.

Click on the "Shop Now" Button and review the In-Kind Wish List for items to donate. It might be as simple as a gift card.



January 1-31, 2024
After Christmas Shopping Spree
to benefit Wellspring Living
 Visit the In-Kind Wish List and Donate Items.
Shop Now
 Then compile a club list of items purchased and prices and send to Tina Neese (tinadaniel1224@gmail.com) by **January 31, 2024.**



State Executive Committee Members

February 17, 2024

Check your purses, car, couch, and coin purse for those loose coins. Every penny helps reach our goal of \$25!



BE THE CHANGE!
EVEN SMALL COINS CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE
 Bring your loose change to the Winter State Executive Committee Meeting on February 17, 2024 at Lipscomb Cottage.
Goal: \$25.00



The Month of Love

February 24, 2024

Let the Good Times Roll! Join your fellow federation sisters for an afternoon of Bunco Fun and Fellowship on February 24th in Morrow. This would be a great opportunity to bring your friends and to invite someone as a prospective member.

Register [here](#).

Goal: \$2,000

JOIN US FOR A
Bunco
GAME NIGHT

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!

**February 24th @ 3:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Morrow
1647 Lake Harbin Rd, Morrow**

Hosted by Central West District to benefit Wellspring Living

RSVP: Via Constant Contact or GFWC Georgia website

Light Refreshments & beverages offered
Clubs can register for a table to guarantee seating with members

**TICKETS \$25
TABLE \$100**



Happy Anniversary, Wellspring Living

March 1-31, 2024

Clubs and Individual Members

Donate \$23 to celebrate and honor Wellspring Living's 23rd Anniversary

Goal: \$23,000

*Wellspring Living
23 Year Celebration*

President Kim Sekulow's Special Project

Please donate \$23 to celebrate and honor the 23 years Wellspring Living has impacted their participants' lives. If 1,000 of our club women gave \$23 during March, GFWC Georgia could donate \$23,000! If members cannot donate \$23 each, discuss ways to hold a fundraiser to contribute \$23/member. One way to fundraise would be to have members donate \$1 daily and give up coffee or cola that would have been spent. Provide a jar to each member to bring to your March meeting with the \$23. Monies should be collected during March, and a club check/individual check should be sent to GFWC Georgia (Wellspring Anniversary in the note of check), P. O. Box 39, Tallulah Falls, GA 30573, by March 31. We will present one check to Wellspring Living at our April convention.

Donor Name: _____

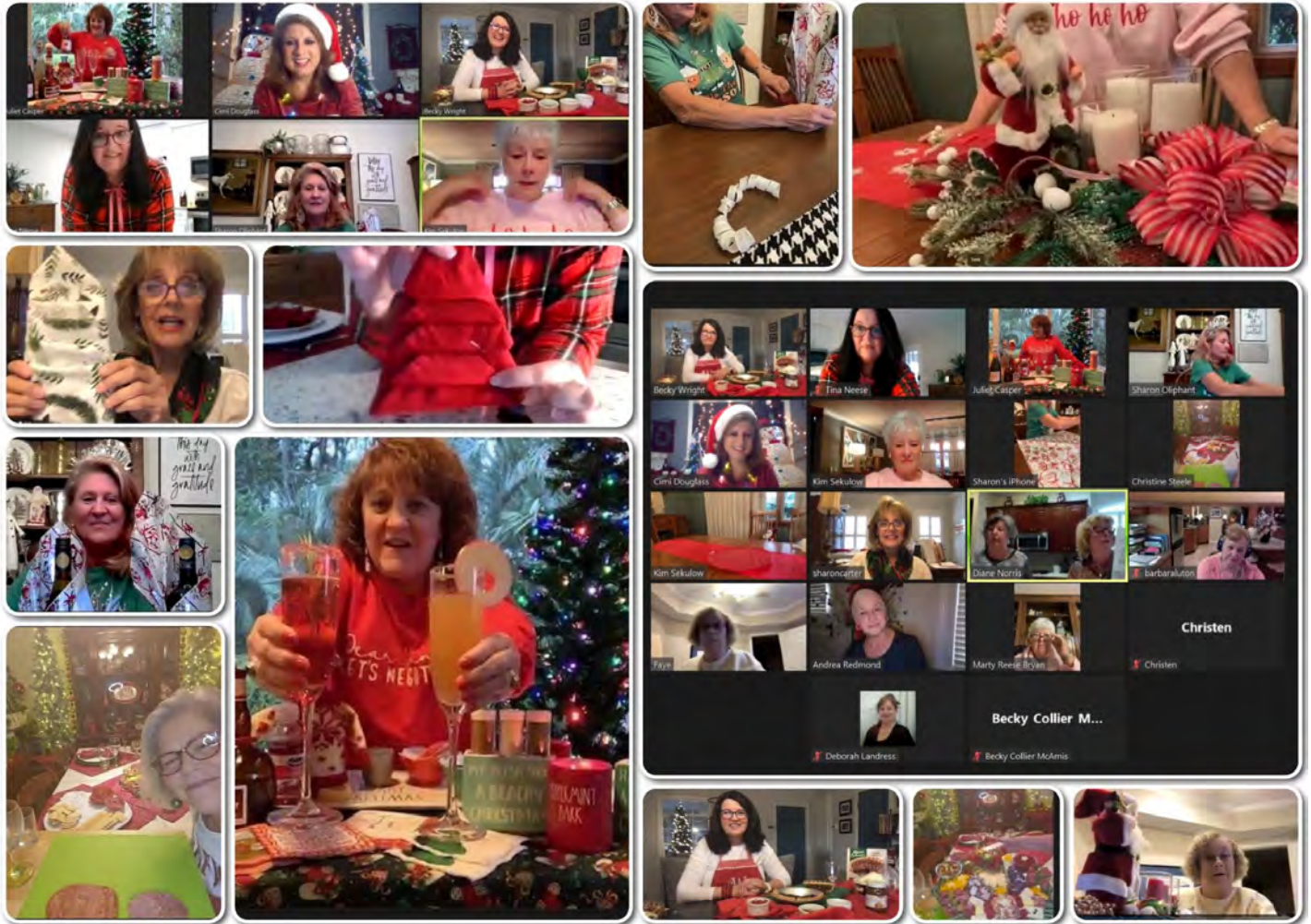
Club Name, if individual donor: _____

Email: _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Mail check by March 31 to the State Office! THANKS!!!

Wellspring Living Events



On Sunday, November 13, **GFWC Georgia's Holiday Express** left the station and travelled through the Southern region for a little pre-holiday adventure. Along the way the amazing presenters- Kim Sekulow, Tina Neese, Juliet Casper, Becky Wright, Christine Steele, and Sharon Oliphant—motivated and inspired all aboard as they showcased their talents creating cocktails, charcuterie trays, napkins, tablescapes, desserts, and gift-wrapping projects for the upcoming holiday season.

WELLSPRING LIVING DONOR IMPACT

551 UNDUPLICATED* PARTICIPANTS AND THEIR CHILDREN SERVED ACROSS ALL PROGRAMS AT WELLSPRING LIVING IN 2022

**Some Wellspring Living participants engage in multiple programs, taking advantage of the full continuum of care offered. Across all Wellspring Living programs in 2023 through August 31.*



2,207
Hours of Therapy Provided



4,416
Days of School Attendance



1,788
Hours of Educational Instruction



1,113
Life Skills Classes Held



2,248
Individual and Group Therapy Sessions Held

Source: Wellspring Living Website

From the Committees



AWARDS

Kathryn Youles, Chairman
 Julie Wilson, Co-Chairman
 Annette Belk, Junior Awards Chairman
 E: awards@gfwcgeorgia.org

GFWC Georgia Awards Update

If your club won a silver, pewter, acrylic, or other physical award at the 2022 Convention, please remember it is your responsibility to get it back to Kathryn Youles, Julie Wilson, or a Junior Award to Annette Belk before judging weekend, which is **February 17-18, 2024**. Or arrange with your District President to bring it to the

GFWC Georgia Executive Board Meeting on **February 17, 2024**.

Again, please be sure to have it to us by the end of **February 2024**.



JUNIOR AWARDS

Annette Belk, Junior Awards Chairman
 E: jrawards@gfwcgeorgia.org

REMINDERS TO JUNIOR CLUBS

Please remember to nominate a club member for the **Irene J. Watts Outstanding Clubwoman Award** and the **Outstanding Citizen Award**. Every junior club has a member that would be a worthy nominee for both awards. Plus, these nominations are an excellent way to recognize club members.

Mail reports to: Annette Belk
 GFWC Georgia Jr. Awards Chairman
 P.O. Box 306
 Sylvania, GA 30467

Please note that these special reports have a due date of **February 1**. Both awards may now be submitted by email to JrAwards@GFWCGeorgia.org by **February 1 by 11:59 p.m.** Reports may still be mailed but must be postmarked by **February 1**.

These awards require a special report which includes a **cover sheet** with the name of the award, the full name and address of the nominee, the name of the club, the club's town, and the club's district on it. The actual report may be up to **five (5) 8 ½ by 11"** pages, typewritten, double spaced. **Five (5) 8 ½ by 11"** pages of addenda are also allowed. More information about these special junior awards is available in the GFWC Georgia Yearbook on pages 252-253 or by contacting me at JrAwards@GFWCGeorgia.org.

COMMUNITY IMPACT PROGRAM (CIP)

Marty Bryan, Chairman
 E: cip@gfwcgeorgia.org



Looking forward to receiving all your CIP entries. Project needed to be completed by December 31, 2023 but you have until **March 1** to email your report to me. No longer than 10 pages which includes pictures, media, etc.

- *Costs of implementation and funding sources.
- *Community collaboration, if any.
- *Obstacles, if any, that were overcome to implement the project.

Entry to include:

- ◆ Description of the project and issue/problem you are trying to solve.
- ◆ Project scope including the:
 - *Plan of Action

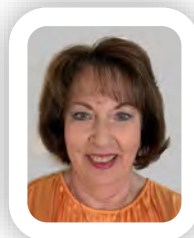
- ◆ Results achieved and long term effects of the project on the community.

Please email to Mreesebryan@gmail.com.

Thanks and Happy New Year!

LEADERSHIP/LEADS

Becky Bolden, Chairman
Diane DeGaetano, Co-Chairman
Shirene Daniell, Co-Chairman
E: leads@gfwcgeorgia.org



January 25, 2024, is the deadline for submitting your reports. Be sure to include your leadership report. There is a fillable PDF form with questions to answer on leadership activities. In addition, include a summary of your top 10 leadership projects AND your most Creative Leadership project.

Think about **ALL** the activities that your club members do in leadership roles. This includes Mentoring Youth in your community. Other leadership activities include executive board meetings, following an agenda at meetings, posting leadership tips on your social media pages, attending district, state, and international meetings, and other leadership activities. The GFWC Georgia Leadership Committee, comprised of Shirene Daniell, Diane DeGaetano, and me, meet to judge your reports. The top 10 projects from Georgia are submitted to GFWC International for judging. **Therefore, your reports are extremely important.**



The GFWC Leadership, Education, and Development Seminar (LEADS) identifies GFWC members at the local level who have the potential and desire to assume leadership positions in their State Federations and/or GFWC on the national level. Participation in GFWC LEADS can help up-and-coming leaders gain the capabilities, confidence, and commitment necessary to pursue and achieve higher offices and serve with distinction.

GFWC LEADS is held annually on the day prior to the official opening of the GFWC Annual Convention. One attendee from each State Federation and International Affiliate Club is eligible to participate in the annual GFWC LEADS program. In addition, GFWC demonstrates its commitment to training leaders by funding a portion of the expenses of candidates who are members of per capita dues paying clubs. State Federations may also offer to fund a portion of expenses. LEADS candidates are asked to be responsible for a portion of expenses as an affirmation of their personal commitment to their leadership development and training.

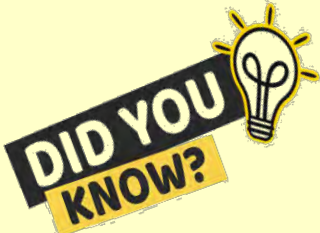
The deadline to nominate a LEADS candidate to represent Georgia in 2024 is **February 1, 2024**. The application is located in the Leadership section of the GFWC Georgia Yearbook on page 208 and can be accessed [here](#). Be sure to include leadership activities within GFWC and your community on the application. The LEADS candidate will travel to Chicago, IL, for the GFWC LEADS training on June 28, 2024. It is a great experience! If you have any questions, please let me know.

GFWC Leadership chairman Susan Gettys prepares a quarterly newsletter. It is posted on our GFWC Georgia website under resources and is also shared on the GFWC Georgia Facebook page and Leadership page. You will find it very interesting and helpful in leading your club. Click [here](#) to access it as well.

Keep up the great work! Let's continue to build our Leaders of Tomorrow!!

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

-John Quincy Adams



How Much is a Volunteer Hour Worth?

The current national estimated value of each volunteer hour is **\$31.80**.

The value of each volunteer hour in Georgia is **\$29.67**.

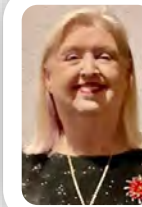
Each year in April, the Do Good Institute from the University of Maryland, publishes the latest value of volunteer hours. The calculation of this figure is based on the annual average hourly earnings estimates that are available from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Who knew our time was so valuable!

Source: Independent Sector with the University of Maryland's Do Good Institute



LEGISLATION/PUBLIC POLICY

Lois Wolfe, Chairman
 Gloria Stevens, Junior Chairman
 E: legislation@gfwcgeorgia.org
 E: jrlegislation@gfwcgeorgia.org



ADVOCACY AND GFWC

Now is when GFWC Georgia members will follow and act on Bills pertinent to GFWC Resolutions. It is critical to remember that when we advocate on behalf of the Federation, we must adhere to the following:

- When speaking on behalf of the Federation, members may not oppose the GFWC resolutions.
- GFWC is a nonpartisan, nondenominational organization. Clubwomen can advocate for policies or legislation but are NOT allowed by law to endorse candidates or engage in partisan politics. GFWC members must separate personal political activities from an official club or state federation work.
- Minority opinions may be expressed as follows: A member organization (club or state federation) holding a minority opinion and wishing to support its stand further may do so provided it states that its action represents the minority vote of GFWC.

ONGOING

Legislative Action Center - Sign up for the Legislative Action Center, a powerful tool to alert you to GFWC’s public issues and advocacy efforts. Track bills, contact your local representative, and take action on issues germane to GFWC Resolutions. Go to <https://www.voterveoice.net/GFWC/home> to register.

2022 – 2024 Legislation and Public Policy Scavenger Hunt – The link to the scavenger guidelines can be found at <https://www.gfwc.org/what-we-do/public-policy/>

DID YOU KNOW?

GFWC works with multiple organizations and advocacy coalitions to urge Congress to pass legislation that protects victims of domestic violence and to significantly increase funding for federal programs that address domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking and reject cuts to these critical programs. On February 7, 2024, GFWC Georgia will join the Georgia Coalition of Domestic Violence at the State Capitol for “Stand with Survivors Day.” Visit <https://gcadv.org/> for details.



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 8 - Opening day of the Georgia Legislative Session. Follow “Under the Gold Dome” at <https://www.legis.ga.gov/>

February 7 – Stand with Survivors Day with GCADV at GA Capitol

March 28 – Georgia Legislative Session adjournment

UNDER THE DOME

How to Navigate the Georgia State Capitol and Legislative Advocacy

Tour the State Capitol
 How to Schedule a Tour, what you will see when you visit the Capitol.

Understanding the Legislative Process

Gain insights in to how bills become law, calendars and the roles of GFWC in the process.

Crafting Effective Messages

Learn how to create compelling advocacy that resonated with your legislators and the public.

Engaging with Policymakers

Find tips and best practices for meeting with legislators, attending hearings and making your voice heard.

Legislative Action Center

GFWC has a wealth of information with GFWC resources to streamline your advocacy activities.



UNDER THE DOME
 How to Navigate the Georgia State Capitol & Legislative Advocacy

Interested in Advocacy or Learning about the Georgia State Capitol?

The GFWC Stone Mountain Woman’s Club recently updated their advocacy guide, “Under the Dome: How to Navigate the Georgia State Capitol and Legislative Advocacy.”

Cost is \$15.

Order through their website — www.stonemountainwomensclub.org

Or

By writing to them at their official address.

Questions? Contact Andrea Redmond
[@arkdb453@gmail.com](mailto:arkdb453@gmail.com)

To Obtain your copy or copies of “Under the Dome”, please visit our website at www.stonemountainwomensclub.org and message us with an order. \$15 a booklet.

or
 Write to us with your order at
 GFWC Stone Mountain Woman’s Club
 P. O. Box 28, Stone Mountain, Georgia, 30083
 \$15 a booklet.



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 Andrea Redmond, Legislative Committee Chair. arkdb453@gmail.com

MEMORIALS

Shelby Holland, Memorials Chairman
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With the 2024 Georgia Convention approaching, I wish to remind the District Memorial Chairmen and the District Presidents of the 2023 Memorial Service to be held during the April Convention and ask for your support in honoring club members. District Chairs, please check with Club Presidents to obtain this information. Also, District Presidents, please include an article in your District Newsletters requesting this information.

As we wish to include all clubwomen who have passed during the 2023-2024 administration, Clubs should send your Memorial List to your District Memorial Chairman no later than the **March 1, 2024**, deadline date. If your District has no Memorial Chairman, please send information to your District President.

District Chairmen should send their completed District Memorial List to the State Chairman, Shelby Holland, by email or mail, no later than April 1, 2024 deadline date.

For the Memorial List, I would like a short write-up (paragraph) of the clubwoman’s involvement in the club, her occupation, number of club years, etc., as well as a photo of the clubwoman if possible.

I thank each District in advance for their detailed Memorial List information as we recognize these clubwomen and honor their service given to GFWC Georgia.

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS’ TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL PROJECT

“Take a Seat and Raise the Net for TFS Baseball”
Dale Reddick, Junior Conference Chairman for TFS
E: jrtallahfalls@gfwcgeorgia.org

IT’S NOT TOO LATE!

WE STILL HAVE 3 MORE MONTHS TO FINISH THE DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS NICOLE BRAUN’S SPECIAL TFS PROJECT: “TAKE A SEAT AND RAISE THE NET”



What a way to start the year off! Mail your individual, club, or district’s donation to the State Office for this project.

Any amounts will help pay for the seats and netting.



TALLULAH FALLS SCHOOL

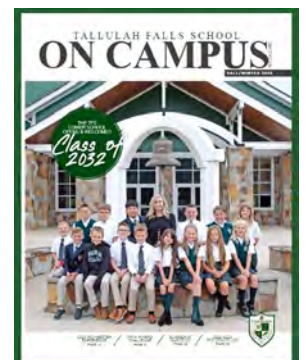
Character. Academics. Spirit. Athletics.

Have you received the Fall/Winter 2023 issue of the Tallulah Falls School’s magazine, *On Campus*?

If not, you can access it online at the TFS website. [Click here](#) to access this issue as well as previous ones.

For all the latest happenings on the campus of TFS, follow TFS on [Facebook](#).

For more information about the school, visit their [Website](#).



TAKE A SEAT AND RAISE THE NET
FOR TFS BASEBALL

DIRECTOR OF JUNIOR CLUBS TFS SPECIAL PROJECT

GFWC GEORGIA BOOSTER CLUB

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT BY DONATING TO THIS PROJECT WHICH IS PURCHASING SEATING FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD AND NETTING FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL FIELD

DONATION LEVELS

Level 4

ALL-STAR PLATINUM MEMBER

Donate: \$100.00 – AND UP

Level 3

HOME RUN GOLD MEMBER

Donate: \$50.00 - \$99.00

Level 2

RBI SILVER MEMBER

Donate: \$25.00 - \$49.00

Level 1

GFWC GEORGIA BRONZE MEMBER

Donate: \$1.00 - \$24.00



Make checks payable to GFWC Georgia

A great way to honor an individual or your club, by donating and joining our booster club.

Please Print

<i>Amount Donated:</i>	
<i>Name of Individual/ Club/District Donating: Mailing Address Email Address</i>	
<i>If in Honor or In Memory: Name and address of person/club to notify of the donation.</i>	

Christmas Open House *Highlights*




 The Lipscomb Society Committee and The
 GFWC GA Executive Committee
 cordially invite you to a
 Christmas Open House
 to honor the Tallulah Falls School Faculty,
 and Staff
 Wednesday, December 13, 2023
 from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.
 Lipscomb Cottage on the Tallulah Falls School
 Campus

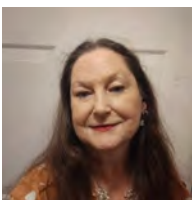
Member Spotlight

As this issue coincides with “Reporting Month,” it is fitting that we “shine the light” on two clubwomen who have been very instrumental in transforming our whole reporting process from a paper and pen one, with mailing reams of paper to the State Committee Chairmen, to one that is completely electronic using online questionnaires. These two ladies are the mother-daughter team of Deborah Landress, our Administrative Assistant and Laedenia Jewell, our 2022-2024 State Communications and Public Relations Chairman.

Using their technical skills and knowledge of Google features, they created the Google Online Questionnaires for the old paper versions of CSP/Advancement Area/Special Projects/Achievement Goal Sheet reports. Clubwomen began using these questionnaires in January 2021 for their reports for 2020. The information from the individual questionnaires was transferred to spreadsheets that in turn were converted into a readable format and sent to the respective chairmen for judging. Each year updates have been made to the questionnaires to conform to changes in GFWC, GFWC Georgia programs and practices, and suggestions by Georgia clubwomen. One notable change over the years is the increase in number of characters for the narrative portion of the questionnaires, giving clubs more “space” to adequately detail their projects.

Because of their innovative efforts, reporting is easier, more efficient, and more cost effective. Less time is spent by clubwomen in entering information on paper forms, copying, and mailing to the respective chairmen, thus saving everyone time and money. Because of their dedication, expertise, and patience, the reporting process for GFWC Georgia has been transformed and brought into the digital age.

You are “Women Who Make a Difference!”



Deborah was born at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Atlanta, GA, the oldest of three with two brothers. She lived in Decatur and Norcross until she was 12, when her family moved to Los Angeles, CA because her stepfather, a CB, was transferred to Point Mugu. It was there she found her love of crafting and ceramics.

The family was transferred several more times during her adolescence — Brunswick, GA, where she spent many days on Jekyll Island to Gulfport, MS, where she spent her days attending school, playing softball, and graduating high school in 1978 in the little town of Scier, MS.

After high school, she attended Jeff Davis Junior College for two years with the dream of becoming a nurse, however, life and love intervened, and she married her high school sweetheart and had a child.

As a result, her career path changed, and she was introduced to the world of computers when the copier repair shop she was working at began selling computers — a Xerox with an 8” floppy disk drive and a legal size monitor. She soon was elevated from office work to training office staff on equipment they sold. From that early introduction to computers, she advanced in her next job to selling IBM and Apple computers and training users on the Microsoft office systems, working herself up the ranks to manager.

She moved back to Norcross, GA, where she worked at a factoring company, creating database programs for them. After relocating again, she continued her work with writing programs and creating specialty reports for the payroll department of Randstad Temp Force. In 1996 during the Olympics, she had the distinct

privilege of touching every paycheck over 10K each week for the event.

After the Olympics, she volunteered in her kids’ school and with the Chamber of Commerce mentoring at schools. And she decided to further her own education by finishing her degree, as her daughter was also attending college.

Then her life took another turn as she found and married the love of her life, Chuck. It was through her mother-in-law, Pat, that she was introduced to GFWC in 2004. She continued to volunteer with the Chamber and serve on the Youth Leadership Committee, and attend college, while learning about club work in the Winder community. She embraced club work and volunteered her way through the ranks of her club and district. Always hungry for more information about the organization, she researched and learned about GFWC while attending Conventions, Institute, and making lifelong friendships with fellow clubwomen. And she is still passionate about clubwomen and history, while embracing the changes and legacy of the organization.

In 2016-2018, she served as the first Central East District President after restructuring of the old numerical districts. In December 2018, she began work as the Administrative Assistant for the GFWC Georgia, a position she holds today. She is the glue that keeps the Georgia Federation going, working three days a week at the State Headquarters at the Lipscomb Cottage. She also monitors and posts to the Georgia social media sites, keeping clubwomen abreast of what is happening within the state and sharing tidbits from across the International Federation.

She is a member of the GFWC Athens-Oconee Junior Woman’s Club and the GFWC Winder Woman’s Club. In her spare time, she enjoys quilting.



GFWC At a Glance

GFWC's Newest Cause — National Coast Guard Museum Association

Did you know that the U.S. Coast Guard is the only armed services branch without a museum? Yes, it is and with the help of dedicated clubwomen, GFWC aims to help make that a reality.

Since its inception in 1790, the Coast Guard has answered the nation's call to duty, saving lives, enforcing maritime laws, combating terrorism, facilitating commerce, and protecting the environment. Throughout our history, highly trained men and women have carried out these responsibilities with honor, respect, and devotion.

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Museum will be built in New London, CT, the homeport of Coast Guard cutters since 1791 and will showcase the tactical operations with a focus on safety, security, and stewardship. Docked along side the 80,000 square foot structure will be the USCGC Eagle, America's Tall Ship and a training vessel for future Coast Guard officers.



GFWC clubwomen can be an integral part in building this museum by making a donation or by purchasing a walkway paver.

Ways to Help:

- Make a donation using the GFWC link — coastguardmuseum.org/gfwc.
- Purchase a [Walkway Paver](#).

Donations can also be made by check directly to the museum. Please be sure to write "GFWC" on the memo line.

National Coast Guard Museum Association
 78 Howard Street, Suite A
 New London, CT 06320



2023 GFWC Holiday Open House



The GFWC Headquarters at 1734 N Street NW, Washington, DC “sparkled and shined” for the annual holiday open house on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. Decorations adorned both the inside and outside of the historic building. A lovely 2023 gingerbread representation of GFWC Headquarters, made by Candice Gill, GFWC Design & Publications Manager, was prominently displayed. International GFWC President Deb Strahanoski and GFWC Director of Junior Clubs Katie Jones Moydell, along with the Executive Board, welcomed guests to the festivities. Representing GFWC Georgia was our 2022-2024 State President Kim Sekulow and her husband Gary.





GFWC Georgia is proud to be selected as the state sponsor for incoming President Suellen Brazil’s 2025 international convention. During this convention, GFWC Georgia will be responsible for various items, including volunteers, welcome table, tour captains/favors, GFWC Executive Committee dinner, State Night, all décor and table favors for all meal functions and assemblies, gifts for GFWC Executive Committee members, Booster Suite snacks, and a few other items. GFWC Georgia funds all of these. The team has developed a budget for the items and a fundraising plan to raise money to host a spectacular event. Each district has a fundraising committee member who will be the facilitator for bringing the fundraisers to all GFWC Georgia members. Please support the fundraising efforts.

Current goal to raise: \$17,127.35.

Thanks to several fundraising efforts so far, we have raised close to \$3,400 through Institute, SRC, district meetings, and BoBo balloon events.

Have you visited the GFWC Georgia website recently?

Beginning January 2024, our PURPLE PASSION FASHION items will be on sale on the website. These items include the Oscar-winning pin, Emmy butterfly pin, Academy Award ring, and People’s Choice earrings. If you purchase any of these items, your name will be listed in the State Night sponsorship program.

How can you help?

1. **Support the fundraising efforts.**
2. **Be a volunteer!** *There will be several times before the event, and during the event, we will need lots of volunteers.* Plan to be a part of the décor team. Each district has a décor committee member. The décor has been planned and is awaiting approval from GFWC’s Incoming International President, Suellen Brazil. Upon her approval, the team will be able to move forward with the plans. Each district will be responsible for two events during the convention. Be a part of the team for your district that makes the items, helps set up the tables at the convention, and then disposes/donates the items.
3. **Be a hostess on State Night!** Julie Walters is the chair for State Night. Julie Wilson and her team will be responsible for gathering all the event volunteers. Please say yes when asked about volunteering!

If you have any questions about the event and ways you want to be involved, please reach out to the following:

Tina Neese, Chairman at tinadaniel1224@gmail.com or

Cimi Douglass, Co-Chairman at cimidouglass@gmail.com



June 6-9, 2025

DALLAS WOMAN'S CLUBHOUSE

1921 PROJECT



Let's rebuild the Dallas Woman's Club Clubhouse - brick by brick.

We invite you to become a part of something truly special – our Walk of Honor, a pathway that will forever commemorate our commitment to preserving our rich history and the enduring legacy of Dallas' first library, the Dallas Woman's Club clubhouse.

About Us:

We are a member-driven non-profit volunteer service organization made up of women of all ages who share a very simple common goal to serve our community. We believe small changes add up to big ones, and every positive step we take to help others makes our communities stronger.

The mission of the Dallas Woman's Club is to enhance the lives of others in our local communities through volunteer service while preserving the rich history of our club and organization. We are driven to bring awareness and inspire people to be action oriented and positive change makers that make a lasting impact on their communities through volunteerism.

Our Immediate Goal:

Our historic house has been the cornerstone of our community, a place of connection, and a testament to our shared history. The stories woven into its walls echo the dedication and selflessness

of those who came before us, leaving an indelible mark on our community. But now, our clubhouse is facing a crisis. The cost of its preservation and maintenance has grown beyond our means which is why we've embarked on a remarkable journey – our Brick Campaign.

This campaign is not just about bricks; it's about investing in the spirit of volunteerism, service, and community for many years to come. When you purchase a custom engraved personalized brick in our Walk of Honor, you are doing more than contributing to a fundraiser; you are etching your name into the history of our organization. You are becoming a part of the very fabric of our legacy.

These bricks are not just markers on a path; they are symbols of unity and commitment. By participating in this campaign, you are not only preserving our rich history; you are investing in our future. Your contribution paves the way for future generations of volunteers, ensuring that the spirit of service continues to flourish.

Every brick tells a story – a story of dedication, of love for our community, and of the belief that together, we can make a difference. Your personalized brick will serve as a lasting testament to your commitment to our cause.

Leave your Mark:

Support the Dallas Woman's Club by contributing to the Brick Project. The Dallas Woman's Club has a vision to establish a walkway along the side of the building, including the surrounding area of Judge Bartlett's statue. This brick project is a great way to leave a lasting legacy for future generations.

Consider the variety of ways you can help make this project a reality:

- Honor a Veteran.
- Remember a loved one.
- Recognize a graduating year.
- Honor someone special.
- Celebrate an anniversary, birth, marriage, or milestone.
- Purchase a family brick.
- Engrave your business or organization name.
- Establish your name in stone for decades to come.

Purchase a brick, preserve our Dallas history and your legacy, and ensure a future filled with the same sense of purpose, unity, and community. Together, we will continue to make a difference for generations to come.

Certificate: Since our construction will not take place until 2024, this certificate makes for a thoughtful addition to any brick gift. This certificate can be given as a gift to a loved one or kept as a memento of your contribution. Certificates can be purchased as an option when you checkout. Thank you for choosing our bricks for your gifting needs. **\$10.00**

[Click Here to Purchase a Brick](#)

If you have any questions, please contact:
dallasgeorgiawomansclub@gmail.com

Club Life Around the State



The GFWC Vienna Woman's Club decorated the lobby of South Georgia Bank with a tree to honor all veterans, a fallen soldier's table to honor those who did not return, and a bowl of toy

soldiers as a reminder for customers to pray for those currently serving. A patriotic tree was also placed in downtown Vienna as a reminder to all to honor our veterans. South Georgia Bank contributed to the display by sponsoring a Photo Hall of Fame for veterans to submit a photo in uniform.



The GFWC LaFayette Jun-iorette Club had an absolutely Spooktacular Time at Scare on the Square on October 31.

The GFWC Hartwell Service League participated in the "Fall into Reading" event at Hartwell, North Hart, and South Hart Elementary Schools in late October and early November. Every student was allowed to choose a book to keep.



Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose

The GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club recycled empty cat litter containers to create Sharps Disposal Receptacles.

Let's Get Physical!



Keeping Our Senior Adults FIT and having FUN!

The Health and Wellness CSP of the GFWC Hartwell Service League delivered fitness tools to nursing homes and the senior center in their community — Brookdale, Hart County Senior Center, Hart Health and Rehab, and Hart

Care. A total of 191 Hart County Senior adults in these facilities will enjoy having fun and getting fit!

Gertrude's Getting a Facelift!



GFWC Georgia President Kim Sekulow chose as her Tallulah Falls School project to raise funds to update the Gertrude Long Harris Theatre. Club members sold raffle tickets for a chance to win two tickets to the Chick-fil-A Peach Bowl and admission to FanFest on December 29, 2023 at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta.

The drawing was held on November 1 and the lucky winner was *Leslie Montgomery!* Congratulations!

The GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club lent their time and talents to providing a Halloween Spooktacular for Side by Side at their clubhouse. Side by Side is the only work-oriented day program in Georgia that specifically supports adults with brain injuries - and their families - for as long as they choose.





The **GFWC Covington Woman's Club** hosted their 2023 Covington Square Crawl in November. Women from the Covington community joined together for a night of fun and fellowship as they visited several local restaurants for the evening.



The **GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club** provided goodies for the ART Station's artists reception in early November. The ladies were able to meet with most of the artists and to enjoy their phenomenal works of art.



The **GFWC Reynolds Woman's Club** welcomed a new member in November, Jana Montgomery. Jana is a long time resident of Taylor County and along with her husband runs Montgomery Farms. *Welcome, Jana!*

At their October meeting, the **GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club** assembled 30 Comfort Kits for victims of sexual assault who come through the ER at the local hospital. These kits provide something for the victim to wear home as their clothing is taken as evidence. Each kit, packaged in a 2-gallon Ziploc bag, contains a t-shirt, pants, socks, and underwear.



Thirteen members (and three that were new) of the **GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club** visited the Tallulah Falls School in early November, seeing the many new building, having lunch and tea at the school, and enjoying the fall weather and leaves.



The **GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club** spent an afternoon in early November crafting. Their lovely creations were given to Hope for the Journey, which helps women

going through cancer treatment.

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The **GFWC Hartwell Service League** sponsored a Parade of Trees for their community at The Depot at Railroad Street Park. Proceeds from the event go towards local community service projects.



The **GFWC Vienna Woman's Club** filled 106 boxes for Operation Christmas Child, thanks to the generosity of many in the community.

Each box included a hygiene kit in a handmade drawstring bag (toothbrush, soap with holder, washcloth, comb, nail file), a school & art supply bag (pencils,

crayons, scissors, pencil sharpener, glue stick, ruler, water paint set and notepad), toys (yoyo, stuffed animal, farm animal, ball, maze puzzle, car boat, building blocks, doll), sunglasses, hairbows, girls jewelry, sewing kit, playdough, socks, book marks, activity book, and handcrafted jump ropes.

The members also signed cards for patients at the VA Hospital in Dublin.

The **GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club** sponsored the 26th Annual Commemorative Veterans Day program at the LaFayette High School on November 10. Assisting with the program were the JROTC unit and the **GFWC LaFayette Juniorette Club**, who provided the refreshments. The public was invited to attend.



The Education and Public Libraries CSP of the **GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club** cleaned books in early November at Children Read, an organization that provides low-income preschoolers with free books.

The **GFWC Four Corners Woman's Club** held a Hands On Service Membership Event at the reBlossom Parent and Baby Shop in Athens on Sunday, November 12. They filled 50 hygiene/care bags for the Athens Nurses Clinic and Advantage Behavioral Health and afterwards toured the facility and learned about the many ways Athens Parent Wellbeing supports area families.



The Education and Libraries CSP of the **GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club** donated copies of *Zoey and Sassafrass Dragons* and *Marshmallows* to classes at Temple Elementary School in November.



Members of the **GFWC Hartwell Service League** passed out American flags provided by the American Legion Post 109 at the Veterans Day Parade in Hartwell on November 11.



The **GFWC Tifton Woman's Club** made a friendship quilt at their November meeting for Toys for Tots.

In honor of Veterans Day, the **GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club** donated supplies to their local VA Hospital and Domiciliary Home in Lake City, FL.



The "Snippets" of the **GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club** were out in full force during November, snipping the blooms at the MLK, Jr. World Peace Rose Garden for the last times in 2023.

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Members of the **GFWC Roswell Cares Service League** volunteered in November at the Children's Hospital at Scottish Rite.

They made arts and crafts with the children and passed out balloons, even making sure those children who could not attend received a balloon. This will become a monthly event for the club.



At their November meeting, the **GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman’s Club** hosted an International Dinner for 15 students and their sponsor from Brenau University — 14 were from Panama and 1 from Norway. A great learning experience for all.



In observance of National Kindness Week in November, members of the **GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman’s Club** created “kindness” rocks and placed them around the city of Sylvania in hopes of making someone smile as they were found.



On Tuesday November 14, the **GFWC Atlanta Woman’s Club** volunteered at the Talent Show presented by the Georgia Library Services for the Blind. AWC members assisted the blind men and ladies by helping them arrive at their designated places, provided stage assistance, and distributed snacks afterwards.



Members of the **GFWC Hartwell Service League** were hard at work in November planting a Native Plant Bed at the entrance to the Dan Reyen Memorial

Dog Park as part of a nationwide project to start a Homegrown National Park using native plants. The Environment Committee of the club also planted a Shumard Oak in the park.



The Civic Engagement and Outreach CSP of the **GFWC Lilburn Woman’s Club** celebrated Veterans Day 2023 by making and delivering no-sew, fleece lap blankets to patients at Joseph Maxwell Cleland Atlanta VA Medical Center in Decatur, GA.

The project included purchasing washable, medium weight, fleece fabric that was cut with a fringe edge and hand knotted to create a No-Sew soft, easy care warm blanket for patients receiving medical care at the hospital in the Oncology (chemo treatment) and Hemodialysis Departments.

Eight CEO members and the NE District President, Barbara Brooks used their skills, scissors and creativity to make this truly a “hands-on” project. On November 20 with the help of the VA Civic Engagement department staff and volunteers, four CEO members masked up for precaution in this healthcare setting, handed out to both male & female veteran patients 21 fleece, patterned blankets ranging from Sports themes to UGA red & black plaid.



The **GFWC Tifton Woman’s Club** participated in the Keep’em Warm Coat Drive by donating nine (9) coats to the cause.

The **GFWC Dunwoody Woman’s Club** Evening division made 128 Holiday cards and assembled 40 small gift toiletry bags for veterans at the VA hospital in Decatur. Two members delivered them to the VA on November 27, 2023.



“As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands — one for helping yourself, the other for helping others.”

- Audrey Hepburn



The GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club held a re-opening of the revitalized Paige Martin Reading Garden at Sardis Enrichment School on November 18, 2023. The Club worked many hours, solicited many volunteers and donations, and energized staff, Martin family members, and the Hall County community in their endeavor to reestablish a reading garden for the students

at the elementary school. The garden is dedicated to the memory of Paige Martin, a former 33-year veteran teacher at the school.



The GFWC Calhoun Woman's Club entered a snowman in the Calhoun Gordon County Chamber of Commerce contest. Mr. Melty was made of plumbing foam and the members had a ball making him.



Members of the GFWC Dawson County Woman's Club decorated the Historic Courthouse in November for the holidays with wreaths, red bows, and garland along the fence. Afterwards, they enjoyed a nice lunch at the famous Pool Room.

In November, the GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club held their annual "arts showcase," featuring a variety of items created by club members. Special guest Jim McKinnon, a local potter, demonstrated how he builds beautiful things from clay. Stacy Deline, the Carrollton Civic Woman's Club Artist of the Year, displayed her Amorphic Metal Jewelry.



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SOUP & SANDWICH FUNDRAISER
GFWC MILLEN WOMANS CLUB
 Saturday, November 25th 11am - 1pm

MEAL

- 1- Bowl of Soup (Meatless Vegetable, or Broccoli & Cheese)
- 1- Sandwich (Ham or Pimento Butter & Jelly)
- 2- Cookies
- 1- Drink (Water, Coffee, Diet Coke, or Sprite)

Ticket \$10

Pick Up Location:
 Train Viewing Platform
 348 Canton Ave., Millen, Ga

YOUR SELECTION WILL BE BASED OFF A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS!

The GFWC Millen Woman's Club sponsored a Soup & Sandwich Fundraiser on Saturday, November 25, 2023. Proceeds used to support the club's activities.

Christmas in Woodbine
 December 2nd, 2023

At the Woodbine Library:

- Bake sale (10 am - 2 pm)
- Craft sale (10 am - 2 pm)
- Santa at the library (10 am - 1 pm)

Parade starts at City Hall @ 6:00 pm (line up 5:30 pm)
NEW ROUTE!
 The parade will start at City Hall and head SOUTH on US Hwy 17 to 11th Ave to Woodbine Theater Park.

Sponsored by the Woodbine Woman's Club (GFWC Georgia Woodbine Woman's Club Inc.) For additional information e-mail Woodbine23@comcast.net or text 866-336-7993

The GFWC Woodbine Woman's Club sponsored "Christmas in Woodbine" on December 2, 2023. A bake sale, craft sale, and visit with Santa preceded the Parade on a rainy night in Georgia.

The GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club entered a tree in the Valdosta Tree Fest at the Valdosta Mall in early December. Patrons bid on their favorite tree. All the money raised was kept by the club to buy books for the Clyattville School.



The GFWC Civic Woman's Club of Milledgeville held a huge yard sale in November as a fundraiser for their community projects.



The **GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club**, assisted by the **GFWC LaFayette Juniorettes** sponsored the 12th Annual Reindeer Run on Saturday, December 2, 2023. The event took place despite the rainy weather and was another success. The proceeds from the event go towards the City of LaFayette Shop with a Cop/Fireman program that helps needy children during the Holidays, the LaFayette High School Scholarships, providing various scholarships for hard working young ladies, and the GFWC LaFayette Woman's Club Community Service Program projects. The **Juniorettes** were part of the LaFayette Christmas Parade "Light Up LaFayette" on Friday evening, December 1, 2023.



The **GFWC College Park Woman's Club** held "Photos and Snacks with Santa" on Saturday morning, December 2, 2023 at their clubhouse, Camellia Hall. Decorating for the event took place the week after Thanksgiving. It was a fun morning of photos, snacks, and crafts with the kids.

Congratulations!



The **GFWC Dallas Woman's Club** won a 3rd Place Ribbon for Best Themed Float and the Mayor's Choice Award in the 31st Annual Invitational Dallas Christmas Parade on December 2, 2023. Their float was a miniature replica of their clubhouse as a way to promote their clubhouse restoration campaign, the 1921 Project.

The **GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club** members donated gift cards and toys for the many foster families in Carroll County. Pictured with the trunkful of toys is Gail Allen, co-chair of the Health and Wellness CSP.



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The South Cobb Arts Alliance recognized the ladies from **GFWC Marietta Woman's Club** for their involvement in the SCAA Holiday Artfest + Market, which ran from December 1-5, 2023. Shown is Joyce Broughton with a puppet made from a tootsie roll pop. Also, puppets made from washcloths were another craft project for the numerous youngsters who attended.

The South Cobb Arts Alliance recognized the ladies from **GFWC Marietta Woman's Club** for their involvement in the SCAA Holiday Artfest + Market, which ran from December 1-5, 2023. Shown is Joyce Broughton with a puppet made from a tootsie roll pop. Also, puppets made from washcloths were another craft project for the numerous youngsters who attended.



The **GFWC Sylvester Woman's Club** hosted a "Cookies with Santa" fundraiser event on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at the former Sylvester Woman's Club Building, which served as the first library for Worth County. Guests were treated to cookies, crafts, ornaments, and pictures with Santa.



The **GFWC Carrollton Civic Woman's Club** sold poinsettias to raise funds for their community projects. Even Santa made an appearance for at the "Holiday Poinsettia Project" pickup on Friday, December 1, 2023

The **GFWC Bre-men Junior Woman's Club** entered a "Monopoly" tree in the Festival of Trees at the Hamilton Fine Arts Center.



The **GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club** displayed a Veterans Tree at the Screven County Library. Members of the community was encouraged to honor local veterans by bringing their photo to the library to fill the tree with pictures of heroes.



The **GFWC Toccoa Woman's Club** had the privilege to decorate a room at the Traveler's Rest Historic Inn in preparation for its upcoming "Christmas at the Inn" Tour on December 9th and 10th for a Holiday Tradition. Clubwomen used fresh greenery to decorate this 200-year-old Stagecoach Inn.

The **GFWC Vienna Woman's Club** sponsored a "Deck Downtown" contest as a way for businesses and organizations to show their Vienna Christmas Spirit. All were encouraged to either decorate a tree in the square or to create a festive window or storefront. Prizes were awarded.



1) Best Overall—A Visit to the Christ Child by Sissy Hair, 2) Most Unique by Kinfolks, 3) Best Season Display by Akin Insurance Company 4) Most Classic Display by Debbie Thompson, Shops on the Square, 5) Best Lights by Pete and Beverly Dail at the Jewel of Vienna Bed and Breakfast, 6) Most Creative Display— "Visions of Sugarplums" by South Georgia Banking Company, 7) Best Theme — "A Visit from Santa" by Carlene & John Penney, 8) Most Festive—Van's This & That, 9) 1st Place Tree— "Save the Environment" by Vienna Garden Club, 10) 2nd Place Tree (tie) — "Joy to the World" by the Joy Circle of the Vienna Methodist Church, 11) 2nd Place Tree (tie) — "Angels are Near" by the Morning Glories of the Vienna Methodist Church.



The **GFWC Augusta Woman's Club** celebrated the holidays with fun festivities on December 7, 2023.



Welcome to the newest Juniorettes, the **GFWC Sylvania GEMS (Gifted, Empowered, and Motivated Students)**. The GEMS have been

busy —conducting the signing of Christmas cards for Veterans at the Christmas Extravaganza in Sylvania and helping the **GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club** with Bee a Buckler.



Members of the **GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club** participated in the Christmas in the Village parade on December 9, 2023. The parade was part of the city's Christmas Festival, Parade, and Tree Lighting Activities.



The Civic Engagement & Outreach CSP of the **GFWC Atlanta Woman's Club** committee had a hands-on workday at the Lost N Found Youth Thrift Store, an Atlanta-based nonprofit that exists to end homelessness for sexual minority youth. The ladies worked in the store and shared pizza with the youth. The youth also shared stories and the holiday art they were working on.



The **GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club** entered a cow-themed tree for the Christmas Tree Decorating Contest as part of Rudolph's Winter Wonderland Christmas Extravaganza, the holiday event for Sylvania-Screven County.



The **GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club** participated in the Mattel Playback recycling project. They simply collected old, dirty, and/or broken Barbie, Mega, Matchbox, and Fisher-Price toys, boxed them up, and sent them to Mattel, using the free shipping label. To participate in the Mattel recycling project, simply go to www.Mattel.com/playback for details.



The **GFWC Millen Woman's Club** purchased a pink crepe myrtle tree for the community house as a fall project.

The **GFWC Calhoun Woman's Club** served Christmas Dinner at the Senior Center in early December. Entertainment was by The Gordon Central Music Department. During dinner, they recognized the Youth of the Month, Vicky Chen, a student at Calhoun High School. Calhoun Elves also wrote some Christmas cards to one of their local nursing homes.



Members of **GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club** rang the bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettles at locations around Cartersville during the Christmas season.



The **GFWC Dawson County Woman's Club** presented a check to the Bowen Center for the Arts for the purchase of a new, professional grade sound system with smart speakers and a microphone for use during events, festivals, and meetings held at the Bowen.



The **GFWC Reynolds Woman's Club** had a delightful time turning Snoopy ornaments and decorations into holiday masterpieces with kids and adults alike after the Hometown Christmas Parade on December 9th.



The **GFWC Millen Woman's Club** participated in the Whoville Christmas in Millen.



Several members ran a fishing for candy game for the kids.



Welcome to Mary Davenport, the newest member of the **GFWC Lafayette Woman's Club**.



The Health and Wellness CSP of the **GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club** provided casseroles, platters, and desserts for the Side by Side Christmas Brunch.

On December 11, 2023, members of the **GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club** presented Dr. Lydia Watkins, Dean of the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at the College of Coastal Georgia with a \$1,000 check to fund the club's nursing scholarship for non-traditional students.



Members work hard each spring selling Belk Charity Day Tickets to fund the scholarship. The club has given a nursing scholarship since 1967.



The **GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club** continued their support of foster children by helping with the Called to Care Christmas Party. The children were treated to a Candy Bar and Ice Cream floats before a delicious spaghetti dinner.

The club was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their continued support of foster children in Region 11 DFCS.

The **GFWC Lilburn Woman's Club's** Holiday Dinner and Auction on December 7th raised



over \$4,000 for the children and an additional \$1,000 for the food pantries.

The **GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club** helped decorate the Dunwoody Police Department's Christmas for Kids Event, an annual program since 2009 that provides Dunwoody's underprivileged children between the ages of newborn and 15 years old with a little bit of Christmas magic during the holiday season.



The **GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club** delivered their annual Christmas Advent Calendar items to Tranquility House Domestic Violence Center. The center gives the club a list of needed supplies and members work to fill the Advent Calendar with the items.



The club also collected and delivered 50+ blankets to Bless Coalition after hearing that some senior citizens in the community are dealing with heating insufficiency in their homes.



The **GFWC Brunswick Woman's Club** ended 2023 with its annual Christmas meeting at the First Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Instead of a gift exchange, members brought Christmas socks, art supplies, and candy for the children, youth, and families at



Safe Harbor Children's Center, Amity House, and Morningstar Children & Family Services. In addition, members brought the annual Christmas-at-Sea ditty bags filled with toiletries, snacks, games, etc., for the International Seafarers Center to disperse to sailors on ships docking at the ports in Brunswick, and fleece throws for the youth at Safe Harbor. Small care packages for the girls at the House of Hope were also assembled.

The meeting was jam-packed with a catered, boxed lunch from Honey Baked Ham, a short business meeting, an initiation ceremony, a presentation of membership pins, and some fun Christmas activities.

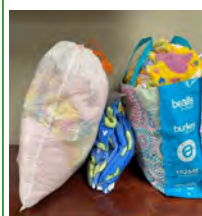
Joining the club in 2023 were 5 new members: Millie Altman, Pat Carlson, Adele Johnson, Ann Korando, and Patty Nash. Four members were recognized with membership pins: Sheila Ledford and Vicky Jefferis (5 years), Kathleen Orians Dawson (10 years), and Terry Michaud (15 years).



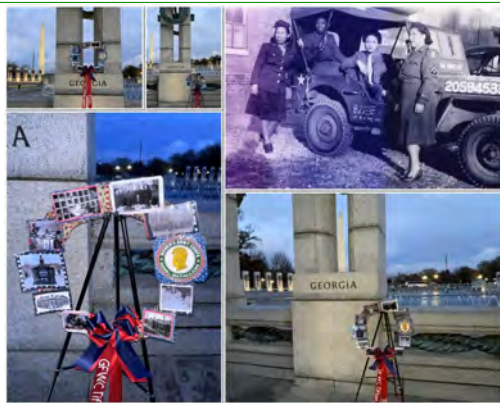
Members of the **GFWC Stone Mountain Woman's Club** took part in judging the Christmas doors at the lower and upper schools at Tallulah Falls. State

President Kim Sekulow had the honor of awarding checks to the winning classrooms at the awards ceremony on December 13, 2023.

Members of the **GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club** delivered a book for Christmas to every student at Clyattville Elementary School.



The **GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club** contributed blankets to the Peanut Butter & Jesus program, a community ministry that prepares a lunch bag containing a peanut butter & jelly sandwich, drink, snack, and Bible-based inspirational message to underprivileged children, homeless, and some adults in Tift County every Saturday morning. They also distribute blankets, gloves, socks, beanies, hand sanitizer, and other items.



Each year the **GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club** honors a special group on Veterans Day by making and sending a wreath to the World War II Memorial Monument in Washington, DC, to be placed in front of the Georgia State column. With the help of the Congressional staff of Representative Austin Scott, especially Zach Roberts, the Deputy Chief of Staff, this year's wreath was placed at the memorial

in recognition of the contributions of a deserving group of women.

This year's honorees were the 6888th Postal Directory Battalion, nicknamed the "Six Triple Eight." Stationed at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, this predominantly Black female Unit trained for a "secret" overseas mission. After arriving in Birmingham, England, these ladies learned of their orders. They were to clear several years of backlogged mail in the European Theater of Operations. Not only were the "Six Triple Eight" working in deplorable conditions such as cold, dirty, rat-infested aircraft hangers, they faced both racial and gender discrimination from their own military as well as the Red Cross.

Overcoming the discrimination and poor working conditions, these remarkable women processed approximately 65,000 pieces of mail per 8-hour shift. They worked 3 shifts per day. Scheduled to take 6 months in Birmingham, the "Six Triple Eight" completed the backlog in only 3 months! They continued to other deployments in France achieving such amazing success. They lived up to their motto— "No Mail, Low Morale."

On March 14, 2022, the 6888th Battalion was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.



The **GFWC Dallas Woman's Club** had a Holiday Party with a Purpose on December 7, 2023. The members contributed over 75 toys for HOPE for Christmas, a program to provide toys and food for needy families in the greater Northwest Atlanta area, and at least 65 blankets and food items for the Paulding Animal Shelter. And the members had a wonderful time celebrating with each other.



Holiday Celebrations Around the State

GFWC Millen Woman's Club

members and a few guests came together to spread joy and deliver Christmas gifts, flu kits, & first aid kits to Jenco Industries.



The **GFWC Azalea City Woman's Club** presented a \$1,000 donation to Kiley Cashwell, Director of Business Services of the Valdosta City Schools, for Pages of Possibilities, a book club established to provide free books to children during the holiday season.



Welcome!

The **GFCW Carrollton Civic Woman's Club** welcomed new members at their December Holiday meeting.



The **GFWC Woodbine Woman's Club** celebrated Christmas at the Camden County Senior Center.

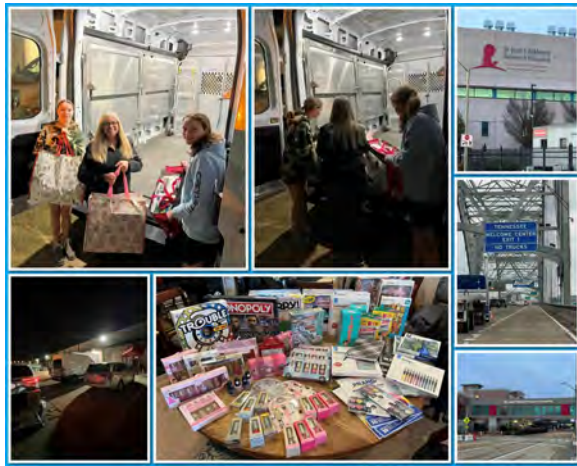
At the December Christmas meeting of the **GFWC Gainesville Phoenix Woman's Club**,



the 2022-2024 State President Kim Sekulow installed the new officers: Debbie Brown (President), Jill Bagley (Vice President), Renette Todd (Treasurer), Susan Miscally (Secretary), and Kitty Wise (Parliamentary Advisor). Kim also led an initiation ceremony for the two new members of the club: Suzette Cone and Susan Miscally.

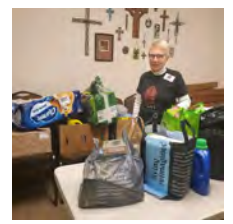
"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

Helen Keller



Every year, the **GFWC Tifton Junior Woman's Club** collects items for St. Jude Research Hospital patients. Of the nonmonetary gifts, the teenagers receive the least amount of donations and thus, the club focuses on donating items suitable for teenagers. This includes lots of nail polish, games, art pens, kits, and etc. This is the second load of donations the club delivered to

The **GFWC Cartersville Woman's Club** delivered hygiene products, cleaning supplies, numerous canned goods, and snack foods to the Red Door Food Pantry. Shown receiving the gifts is Nancy Haight from the Red Door Food Pantry.



The **GFWC Sylvania GEMS** donated a book, "A is for Awesome" to the Screven County Library.

St. Jude for 2023. An earlier donation was made in the spring.

Many clubs across the state—including **GFWC Vienna Woman's Club, GFWC Magnolia Civic Woman's Club, GFWC Tifton Woman's Club, GFWC Augusta Junior Woman's Club, GFWC Sylvania Junior Woman's Club, and GFWC Dunwoody Woman's Club**—participated in ceremonies and wreath-laying at local, state, and national cemeteries for Wreaths Across America Day on December 16, 2023.





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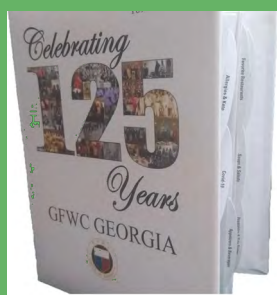
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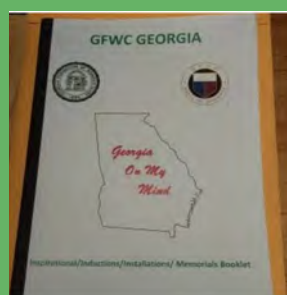
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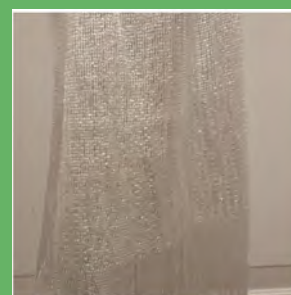
\$15 125 Years Celebration Cookbook. Commemorative cookbook for the 125th Anniversary of GFWC Georgia. Recipes submitted by Georgia clubwomen.



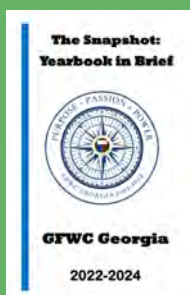
\$30 2023 Bling T-Shirt. Short-sleeved, V-neck T-shirt that runs true to size.



\$5 "Georgia on My Mind" Ceremonies Book. Includes inspirations, ceremonies, and memorials. Compiled by Peggy Wilson.



\$10 Shawl
 A white/silver fringed shawl to have for special occasions. Size 19" x 70"



\$10 Snapshot
 A spiral bound brief of the yearbook



\$20 Large Garment bag
 24"x54" black with gold GFWC logo



\$15 Clear Tote
 Clear vinyl 12"x12"x6", GFWC logo in silver



\$10 Clear Wristlet
 Clear vinyl 6"x9" with GFWC logo in silver,



\$10 6 oz Stainless steel tumbler in emerald green, GFWC logo in white. plastic liner and push-on lid features a swivel mechanism to help reduce spills or leaks



A Look Ahead



GFWC 2024-2026 Administration Orientation Meeting

January 4-7, 2024

Federation Fellowship

Monday, January 8, 2024
7:00 to 8:00 PM — Via Zoom

Club Reporting Deadline

Thursday, January 25, 2024 — 11:59 PM
Club Reports for CSPs, Advancement Areas, Special Projects, and Special Programs
Via Google Online Questionnaires

GFWC Georgia Achievement Goal Sheet

Thursday, January 25, 2024 — 11:59 PM
Via Google Online Questionnaire

GFWC Georgia Arts Contests Deadline

Thursday, January 25, 2024 — 11:59 PM

GFWC Georgia Newsletter, Social Media, and Website Contests Deadline

Thursday, January 25, 2024 — 11:59 PM

GFWC Georgia LEADS Representative Application Deadline

Thursday, February 1, 2024

Federation Fellowship

Monday, February 12, 2024
7:00 to 8:00 PM — Via Zoom

GFWC Georgia Club Presidents Statistical Report

Thursday, February 15, 2024 — 11:59 PM
Via Google Online Questionnaire

Deadline for GFWC Dues from GFWC Georgia

Thursday, February 15, 2024

GFWC Georgia Judging Weekend

February 17-18, 2024
Lipscomb Cottage

GFWC Georgia Winter State Executive Committee Be the Change Coin Collection for Wellspring Living

February 17, 2024
Lipscomb Cottage

Bunco Game Night

Saturday, February 24, 2024 — 3:00 PM
First Baptist Church of Morrow
1647 Lake Harbin Road, Morrow, GA
Event for Wellspring Living
Sponsored by Central West District

GFWC Membership Recruitment Campaign “Sparkle and Shine” Report Due

Mentoring: Members added in December, January, and February
Friday, March 1, 2024

Club Memorial List to District Chairman

Friday, March 1, 2024

Deadline for News Articles for the March Issue of The Georgia Clubwoman

Friday, March 1, 2024

GFWC Community Impact Program Award Deadline

Friday, March 1, 2024

Mark Your CALENDAR


Join the Lollipop Guild as we follow the **Yellow Brick Road** to the **2024 GFWC 128th Georgia State Convention** April 26-28, 2024

Marriott Atlanta Northeast
2000 Century Blvd, NE
Atlanta, GA 30345

Bring your RED shoes, great friends, and enjoy the journey down the Yellow Brick Road!





THE HILLS ARE ALIVE
GFWC Southern Region Conference



Cooking up a Good Time in Greenville
Save the date
October 3-6, 2024

Hyatt Regency Greenville
220 North Main
Greenville, SC

Federation Fellowship


Monthly GFWC Georgia Gatherings

Second Monday of the Month via Zoom — 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Click on the button (Federation Fellowship) in the Constant Contact email.

Each session will begin with a “Meet and Greet” from 7:00 to 7:15 pm, a “CPR” Highlight from 7:15 to 7:30 pm, and Questions following the presentation.

In Memoriam



Remembering Our Lost Members

Susan Saye
GFWC Tifton Woman’s Club

Find Your Passion Contest

Let's make reading this newsletter interesting!



CONGRATULATIONS, Kathryn Youles! Kathryn was the November winner of the “Find Your Passion” Contest and received a \$25 Amazon Gift Card.

Where are the compasses? We have hidden several compasses (Kim’s symbol and other examples) throughout the newsletter. They may be hiding in plain sight or in articles and photos. Count the number you find. **Then, send your name, club name, home address, and the number of compasses you find to news@gfwcgeorgia.org**

Deadline to enter — **January 19, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.** Only one entry per person.

The winner (of those submitting the correct number) will be announced on GFWC Georgia Members Facebook page and in the next issue of *The Georgia Clubwoman*.

Prize: \$25 Amazon Gift Card

"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."



- ◆ *Have you liked GFWC Georgia and GFWC on Facebook?*
- ◆ *Have you visited the GFWC Georgia or GFWC websites?*
- ◆ *Have you sent your Club newsletters to news@gfwcgeorgia.org?*

If not, then please do so!

We would love to hear from you about your club activities. Please send articles, photos, and comments to: news@gfwcgeorgia.org.

Deadline for the March issue is **March 1, 2024.**

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